



# Crop Progress and Condition

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## Cool Weather Conditions in Idaho

Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.8. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 4% very poor, 6% poor, 47% fair, and 43% good. Cool and wet weather conditions slowed progress during the week, temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below to 3 degrees above normal. All weather stations reported precipitation benefiting range and pasture conditions. Most crops continued to be ahead of historic averages. Statewide winter wheat conditions were reported to be mostly in good and excellent condition. Franklin County extension agent described that barley yellow dwarf was present in several winter wheat fields. Reports indicate calving neared completion, and no livestock problems were reported.

## Spring Planting in Full Swing in Washington

Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 11% very poor, 7% poor, 39% fair, 39% good, and 4% excellent. In western Washington berry growers were hilling up rows for spring planting; apples, cherries, pears and blueberries were in bloom. In central Washington fruit trees continued to bloom approximately 10-days earlier than normal. Cool conditions caused fruit growers to continue to use frost control measures. Calving and lambing neared completion, while cattle were being moved into spring pasture. Douglas County extension agent reported straw breaker foot rot was found in winter wheat fields throughout the county. Asparagus harvest was in full swing in Franklin County. No concerns regarding possible crop damage or cattle loss due to weather conditions were reported.

## Crops Were Still 2-3 Weeks Ahead of Normal Development in Oregon

There were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 26% poor, 36% fair, 37% good, and 1% excellent. In northwestern Oregon, cooler weather continued to slow down fruit and berry blossoming in some parts of the region while others were reporting good growth. Some moisture accumulated in the south valley but conditions were still dry. Tillage was underway for row crops. Grass seed was being fertilized for the second time and was showing exponential growth. Winter wheat that was tilled in fall prior to planting looked good, whereas non-tilled was hit hard by slug damage. Hazelnut orchards were on track. Alfalfa and other hay were doing great. Pastures, cattle and calves looked good. Northcentral Oregon reported cooler temperatures that dipped to near critical levels in some areas and rain during the week. D'Anjou pears and Bing cherries were at post bloom and Red Delicious apples were near full bloom. Blooms were better than expected. The Eastern region reported dry conditions with some counties in drought conditions at 87% of normal for precipitation and 20% of normal for snow water. Precipitation continued which kept spring grass growing but made field work limited. Plum, peach, and pear crops had finished pollinating and were set well. Cherries and apples were still blooming with good conditions. Wine grapes were starting well with just minor frost damage to early leaves. Wheat looked good and fungicide sprays were applied.

## Soil Moisture and Irrigation Water Supply — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/12/15

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	8	29	60	3
Oregon.....	4	42	52	2
Washington.....	-	19	79	2
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	6	35	59	-
Oregon.....	7	46	47	-
Washington.....	4	25	68	3

- Represents zero.

## Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/12/15

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	-	8	27	61	4
Oregon.....	-	5	57	32	6
Washington.....	2	10	58	28	2

- Represents zero.

## Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: April 6 - April 12, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
NORTH													
Coeur d' Alene.....	30	62	43	-2	0	+0	0.42	-0.01	3	17.15	-1.32	93	90
Fenn.....	31	67	46	-3	0	-14	0.98	+0.14	6	25.93	-1.44	95	103
Lewiston.....	33	69	50	+1	16	-3	0.14	-0.14	2	8.11	+0.39	105	74
Bonnors Ferry.....	30	64	45	-2	0	-1	0.56	+0.24	4	17.70	+2.51	117	78
Nezperce.....	28	62	42	-2	0	+0	0.47	-0.02	6	12.57	+0.93	108	112
SOUTHWEST													
Boise.....	30	69	47	-2	4	-15	0.30	+0.00	2	11.88	+3.11	135	106
Emmett.....	29	67	46	-4	1	-18	0.47	+0.19	4	10.59	+0.24	102	61
Glenns Ferry.....	29	68	47	-2	1	-17	0.12	-0.02	4	7.00	-0.44	94	73
Grand View.....	30	73	49	-2	6	-15	0.27	+0.13	4	5.65	+0.92	119	64
Nampa.....	31	70	47	-3	2	-19	0.33	+0.05	4	9.01	+2.01	129	82
Parma.....	32	71	49	+0	8	-8	0.02	-0.20	2	7.39	-0.49	94	66
SOUTH CENTRAL													
Fairfield.....	18	61	39	-3	0	+0	0.09	-0.13	2	9.34	-1.72	84	82
Malta.....	20	68	42	-4	0	+0	0.18	-0.03	4	6.31	+0.47	108	75
Picabo.....	21	61	41	+2	0	+0	0.19	-0.02	4	8.43	-0.86	91	67
Rupert.....	28	65	44	-2	0	+0	0.17	-0.03	3	4.63	-1.74	73	68
Twin Falls.....	29	66	46	+2	1	+1	0.29	+0.08	4	5.52	-1.99	74	57
EAST													
Aberdeen.....	24	64	42	-2	0	+0	0.03	-0.11	2	2.92	-2.68	52	36
Ashton.....	23	57	40	+1	0	+0	0.39	+0.11	4	10.41	-2.48	81	79
Fort Hall.....	22	63	42	-1	0	+0	0.26	+0.05	5	4.66	-2.58	64	67
Idaho Falls.....	20	62	42	-1	0	+0	0.18	-0.03	4	4.75	-1.63	74	43
Lava Hot Springs.....	28	62	42	-3	0	+0	0.78	+0.50	5	9.98	-0.64	94	53
Montevue.....	16	62	40	-2	0	+0	0.06	-0.11	1	2.32	-2.48	48	25
Preston.....	28	64	45	+3	0	+0	0.20	-0.08	2	7.42	-2.63	74	46
Rexburg.....	14	61	41	-2	0	+0	0.17	-0.04	3	7.15	-0.91	89	79

## Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/12/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	60	50	52	35
Barley planted.....	65	58	52	32
Oats planted.....	20	16	45	31
Oats emerged.....	9	7	3	9
Potatoes planted.....	9	7	16	8
Sugarbeets planted.....	40	27	27	37
Field corn planted.....	3	(NA)	2	2
Dry peas planted.....	15	(NA)	12	12

(NA) Not available.

## Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: April 6 - April 12, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
WEST														
Bellingham.....	36	62	47	-1	0	-7	0.10	-0.57	1	29.09	+1.33	105	109	
Everett.....	39	62	49	+2	5	-2	0.28	-0.45	2	27.73	-0.63	98	118	
Hoquiam.....	35	60	48	+0	3	-4	1.28	+0.02	5	57.36	-0.07	100	122	
Kelso.....	36	66	51	+2	8	-6	0.28	-0.63	5	33.01	-5.54	86	110	
Olympia.....	34	64	49	+3	3	+3	0.99	+0.07	6	41.07	-1.79	96	113	
Sea-Tac.....	42	63	51	+2	10	+2	0.49	-0.17	3	32.76	+2.20	107	117	
Shelton.....	34	64	47	-2	1	-6	0.97	-0.18	6	55.88	-0.71	99	116	
Tacoma.....	35	63	49	+0	5	-2	0.67	-0.10	6	30.43	-2.40	93	116	
Vancouver.....	38	65	50	+0	8	-6	0.48	-0.16	5	29.13	-0.82	97	113	
CENTRAL														
Ellensburg.....	32	64	47	+2	1	+1	0.00	-0.14	0	6.26	-0.60	91	60	
Omak.....	28	67	47	-2	0	-10	0.05	-0.21	2	9.77	+1.39	117	57	
Stampede Pass.....	27	52	39	+4	0	+0	0.75	-0.66	3	41.58	-26.98	61	106	
Wenatchee.....	33	64	49	-2	8	-7	0.30	+0.18	1	5.85	-0.51	92	55	
Yakima AP.....	31	67	50	+3	2	-5	0.00	-0.14	0	4.98	-1.28	80	55	
NORTHEAST														
Colville.....	29	68	47	+2	3	+3	0.07	-0.28	1	14.01	-0.80	95	85	
Deer Park.....	27	62	43	-2	0	+0	0.36	-0.06	2	13.80	-4.69	75	86	
Kettle Falls.....	28	66	47	-1	0	-8	0.00	-0.35	0	12.90	+0.25	102	86	
Spokane.....	31	62	45	-1	0	+0	0.31	+0.03	2	11.98	+0.32	103	81	
EAST CENTRAL														
Ephrata.....	26	63	48	-3	5	-10	0.49	+0.40	1	5.84	+0.23	104	49	
Moses Lake.....	32	65	49	-1	6	-9	0.21	+0.12	1	5.50	-0.11	98	51	
Quincy.....	29	72	46	-4	2	-12	0.56	+0.47	4	7.10	+1.14	119	37	
Ritzville.....	28	63	45	-1	0	+0	0.63	+0.42	3	9.22	+0.20	102	66	
SOUTHEAST														
Hanford.....	31	69	52	-1	20	-5	0.03	-0.11	1	3.93	-1.44	73	51	
Lake Bryan Rice.....	36	72	53	+6	22	+10	0.51	+0.23	3	11.66	+0.81	107	78	
Pasco.....	34	71	53	+1	22	-5	0.14	+0.00	1	4.31	-1.75	71	54	
Pullman.....	32	64	46	+2	2	+2	0.37	-0.05	3	15.05	-0.21	99	82	
Silcott Island.....	35	71	53	+4	22	+3	0.09	-0.19	2	6.44	-1.28	83	68	
Walla Walla.....	36	68	51	+0	15	-6	0.30	-0.12	2	11.69	-3.44	77	75	
Whitman Mission.....	26	67	48	-2	6	-8	0.18	-0.12	2	10.00	-0.23	98	85	

## Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/12/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted .....	70	42	42	42
Barley planted .....	55	26	23	27
Oats planted .....	10	3	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes planted .....	60	36	35	39
Field corn planted .....	10	6	13	12
Dry peas planted .....	30	25	19	23

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# Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: April 6 - April 12, 2015

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					Total	DFN								
COASTAL AREAS														
Astoria .....	37	63	49	+2	5	-2	1.25	-0.02	6	54.21	-2.02	96	124	
Bandon .....	38	58	48	-2	0	-14	1.73	+0.55	3	51.68	+1.19	102	128	
Florence .....	36	60	47	-3	0	-13	1.97	+0.61	5	64.86	+2.95	105	122	
North Bend .....	37	59	49	-1	4	-10	1.58	+0.25	4	42.20	-12.91	77	107	
Tillamook .....	34	61	49	+2	3	-4	0.75	-0.98	5	49.63	-25.70	66	126	
WILLAMETTE VALLEY														
Aurora .....	36	65	50	+2	9	-5	0.47	-0.30	5	30.68	-4.09	88	123	
Corvallis .....	32	63	48	-2	2	-12	0.72	-0.02	4	32.25	-4.68	87	134	
Detroit Lake .....	35	64	47	-1	2	-7	1.04	-0.75	5	52.57	-18.93	74	108	
Eugene .....	33	63	50	+2	6	-8	0.43	-0.51	5	28.90	-14.19	67	110	
Hillsboro .....	34	64	49	-2	4	-14	0.56	-0.06	5	29.07	-2.90	91	110	
McMinnville .....	36	64	49	-1	5	-9	0.65	-0.07	6	32.20	-3.91	89	111	
Portland .....	39	65	52	+2	15	+1	0.47	-0.17	3	28.39	-1.56	95	109	
Salem .....	37	65	50	+2	7	-7	0.65	-0.04	4	31.73	-1.90	94	104	
SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS														
Grants Pass .....	34	69	48	-3	5	-15	0.22	-0.31	4	23.62	-3.78	86	94	
Medford .....	34	69	50	-1	8	-13	0.25	-0.09	4	14.97	+0.04	100	77	
Roseburg .....	36	68	51	-1	13	-14	0.45	-0.25	4	25.61	-2.67	91	94	
NORTH CENTRAL														
Condon .....	28	64	43	-2	0	+0	0.12	-0.16	3	6.94	-3.16	69	60	
Echo .....	32	68	51	-2	9	-14	0.10	-0.09	1	5.08	-2.82	64	80	
Heppner .....	34	66	48	+1	5	-8	0.60	+0.28	4	7.28	-2.44	75	70	
Hermiston .....	30	68	50	-2	7	-16	0.14	-0.05	1	4.44	-3.46	56	58	
Madras .....	28	63	44	-2	0	+0	0.47	+0.26	3	6.78	-1.74	80	76	
Moro .....	27	62	45	+0	0	+0	0.14	-0.07	2	7.69	-1.02	88	72	
Parkdale .....	31	61	45	-2	0	-1	0.44	-0.05	4	31.57	+4.06	115	112	
Pendleton .....	34	64	48	-2	2	-15	0.05	-0.20	2	7.92	-1.19	87	74	
Prairie City .....	20	65	42	+4	0	+0	0.06	-0.29	1	10.06	-5.14	66	101	
The Dalles .....	36	69	53	+1	21	-3	0.12	-0.09	2	10.44	-1.98	84	72	
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Agency Lake .....	31	65	44	+3	0	+0	0.08	-0.27	1	16.61	+0.46	103	72	
Bend .....	26	61	41	-2	0	+0	0.16	+0.02	2	9.02	+0.61	107	45	
Burns .....	14	68	41	-1	0	+0	0.08	-0.13	1	7.05	-0.47	94	57	
Christmas Valley .....	14	65	39	-3	0	+0	0.06	-0.14	3	5.50	-2.04	73	77	
Klamath Falls .....	19	62	40	-3	0	+0	0.08	-0.13	2	11.20	+2.01	122	65	
Lakeview .....	15	61	37	-6	0	+0	0.10	-0.20	2	8.05	-3.31	71	73	
Lorella .....	13	64	38	-5	0	+0	0.07	-0.14	2	11.27	+3.14	139	68	
Redmond .....	19	63	43	-3	0	+0	0.05	-0.09	2	6.16	+0.68	112	57	
Worden .....	17	65	39	-4	0	+0	0.03	-0.18	1	12.41	+3.22	135	75	
NORTHEAST														
Baker City .....	22	66	42	-2	0	+0	0.29	+0.11	2	4.52	-1.39	76	52	
Joseph .....	25	63	42	-2	0	+0	0.09	-0.33	2	5.18	-6.75	43	46	
La Grande .....	25	68	47	+3	1	+1	0.02	-0.33	1	6.52	-4.99	57	65	
Imbler .....	28	68	45	-2	0	+0	0.11	-0.34	3	12.52	-5.51	69	98	
SOUTHEAST														
Ontario .....	30	71	50	+1	14	-4	0.00	-0.14	0	7.28	+0.39	106	59	
Rome .....	26	70	46	+2	4	+4	0.29	+0.08	1	4.14	-1.39	75	39	

Summary based on NWS data.

Season cumulative precipitation starts: September 1, 2014.

DFN = Departure from normal.

NA = Data not available.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation days= Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.

Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Normals period 1971-2000 used in DFN calculations.

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## Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/12/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted .....	80	70	54	61
Barley planted.....	66	63	54	60
Oats planted .....	40	24	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes planted.....	40	34	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted.....	20	16	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn planted .....	18	14	(NA)	(NA)
Dry peas planted.....	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

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